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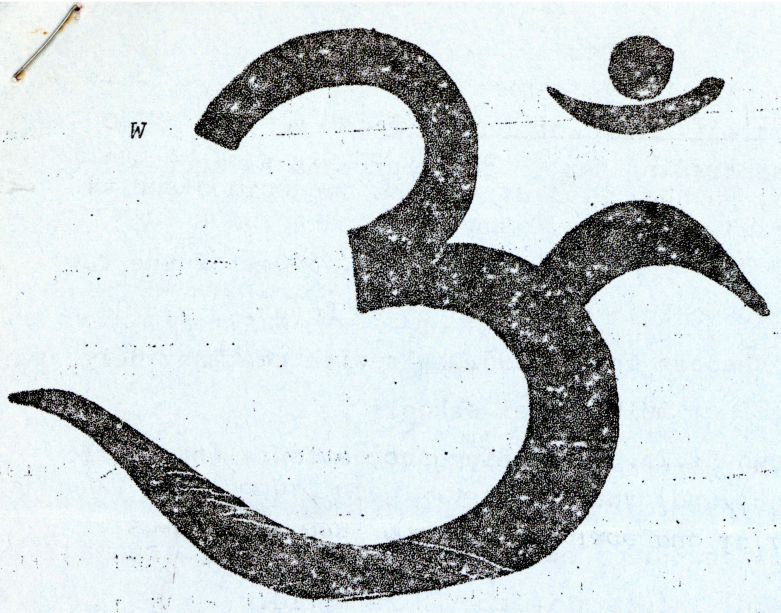

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WHAT IS SHANTI ?

Shanti is a Hindi word meaning peace. Shanti Third World Centre was set up in 1974 by a Union society at Manchester University in order to promote understanding and action concerning the Third World.

THE SHOP

At the Centre we have a crafts and book shop,selling goods from Peru,India,Sri Lanka and other Third World countries,as well as things from nearer home. There is also a wide variety of books,pamphlets,posters and so on. A great place for Christmas shopping,so do come in for a browse.

CAMPAIGNS

Shanti is actually involved in many campaigns and projects (see Campaign page inside),we arrange numerous meetings around the University area,and can help other people with events by providing information on speakers,displays,exhibitions,films and printing. For events like fairs or conferences we can supply stocks of handicrafts and books for stalls.

PEOPLE

Shanti is not, however, just a place but it is also a group of people with many different interests. We have many reasons for being involved, but we do try to create a group feeling, which is always open to new faces and new ideas. on monday evenings we have our group meetings (food from 6.00, meeting at 7.00), which are usually general business meetings or study groups. All are welcome.

DRUM

The newsletter,which used to be a quaterly magazine is now coming out monthly in this reduced format.Its main function is to inform people of Third World activities around M/C,and it is important in krrping in touch with the many sympathetic folk we come in contact with.

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BOOKS

A quick digest of books and pamphlets recently received in the shop. We are currently trying to expand our books stock now that Xmas trading has boosted our bank balance a little! Any further suggestions more than welcome.

Crisis in Korea: Ed John Gittings and Gavin MacCormack - Spokesman £2.95.One of the few recent books with a radical perspective on both North and South Korea.

Positive Image:Rob Heffcoate - Writers and Readers Coop £1.95.Deals with the many delicate issues surrounding the question of teaching in a multiracial school.

Petals of Blood:Ngugi Wa Thiong'o - Heinemann £1.25.Outstanding anti-colonialist novel from Kenya.

How the Other Half Dies: Susan George - Pelican £1.50.Now-classic account of the human suffering caused by agribusiness and the 'aid' industry in the Third World.

Community Health in Asia: Christian Conference of Asia,£2.30.Includes case studies of particular countries in the Far East.

South Pacific Dossier :Australian Council for Overseas Aid-£3.50.Beautifully produced, island-by-island survey,with fact sheets on whole countries you've never even heard of.

AARRGHH!: an anti-racist comic 'for discussion in schools'.30p.

Agrarian Reform and Counter Reform in Chile:Institute for Food and Development Policy, by Joe Collins,50p.Covers the Allende and post-73 period.

Aid to Bangladesh: Michael Scott,Oxfam America/IFDP,75p.Critical analysis of aid,as seen by a development worker who is interviewed in the pamphlet.

Candid Kibbutz Book: MERAG,30p.Everything you always wanted to know....

From Race to Politics:Tony Holden,AFFOR 45p.Quick and fairly up to date survey of the state of race relations in the UK.

Chilean Cinema:Ed.Michael Chanan,British Film Unstitute,£1.50.Documents the exciting developments in Chile under Allende,largely through the interview technique.

Worldwatch Papers: extensive series of pamphlets on energy/food/women's issues,produced by the Worldwatch Institute of the USA.Around£1 each.

Insult or Injury?- Charles Medawar,Social Audit,£1.50."An enquiry into the marketing,Advertising of British Food and Drug products in the Third World".

Education for Justice - Brian Wren,SCM Press,£2.50.Examines questions of philosophy and practicality regarding the issues of justice in the modern world.

World In Conflict/ Fighting for Freedom/Progress and Poverty: excellent new series for the classroom by Robin Richardson of the World Studies Project.Nelson 99p.

ANNOUNCEMENT: COLIN HAS MOVED HOUSE!

Now living at 3,Birch Polygon,Manchester 14.Tel:224-0020.It's only a temporary move, as he's hoping to go into a Housing Coop house in Whalley Range in the New Year. Watch this space.....

APPEAL:WE NEED PAPER BAGS!

Especially at this busy Xmas sales season,we urgently need any paper or polythene bags to wrap up customers' purchases.Bring some with you when you next visit?

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WAR ON WANT, SHANTI AND MIDAS - CHAPTER TWO

As reported in our last issue, Shanti has been going through a protracted period of crisis, and is still in need of a firm economic base for the future. The shop can't support the two workers needed to coordinate all our activities, so we are now looking seriously for outside funding. On Nov 30th, some of us had a discussion with Terry Lacey, Secretary-General of War on Want, about funding prospects. We had invited him to Manches--terto see the shop and to meet the MIDAS group -a liaison committee of world develop--ment agencies in Manchester, who also have a potential project in need of support. On Dec 3rd there was a Shanti 'Monthly Meeting' to discuss the implications of the new information and some fairly firm steps forward have now been planned.

The Shop and the Third World Centre: War On Want are rethinking their shops policy, and may be interested in a handicrafts/books shop in a student community, such as Shanti is at present. We could submit a proposal for a whole 'package' including a shop coordin--ator and an education/campaigns officer. Colin is currently drawing up a draft applic--ation, to be discussed at the next Monthly Meeting on Jan 14th . Please get in touch, Shanti folk, if you have any comments or suggestions.

MIDAS: (M/c International Devel. Association). Colin will be attending a national meeting for Devel. Education Centres on Dec 14th to discuss funding strategies. From this and further consultation with WoW, a concrete proposal may emerge. The idea at present is to apply with the help of WoW to funds in the EEG and OECD for a research grant to further Devel. Education work in the Trade Union sector. However the potential for all this is so far very unclear, and MIDAS's future directions have still to be clarified.

MORE NEXT MONTH!

RECENT SHANTI EVENTS (for those who missed them!)

Study group on India: led by Bob and Sos, two of our number who spent several weeks in India over the summer on a Development Education in-service course for Birmingham teachers. A very full evening included slides of town and village life, voices from the Golden Temple of Amritsar on tape, an examination of everyday Indian 'objects', reports on visits to community development projects, and much animated discussion.

Health in the Third World: a group outing (including two medics) to a meeting at the YMCA organised by M/c International Centre. It was addressed by Dr Joyce Leeson, a spec--ialist in community medicine who drew on personal experience of Zambia and Tanzania to back up some thought-provoking arguments .

Tea Workers from India and Kenya: a public meeting put on jointly by ourselves and the World Dev. Movement. Paban Ghatowar of the Assam Tea Workers Union and Peter Dula of the Kenya Agricultural and Plantation Workers Union spoke movingly of the appalling condi--tions faced by tea workers on estates owned and run by Brooke Bond, Finlays and other British multinationals. A trip to the Brooke Bond plant in Trafford Park to meet the T&G convenor was thwarted by a refusal by management to give their permission. We have copies of the new WDM booklet 'The Tea Trade' - excellent value at 80p.

Human Rights in Thailand: (see SE Asia column)

NB: None of the ideas for 'possible' meetings suggested in the last DRUM has evoked any response! Do let us know if you have any suggestions.

XMAS at SHANTI

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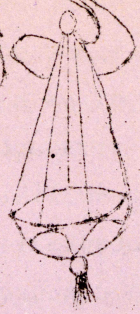

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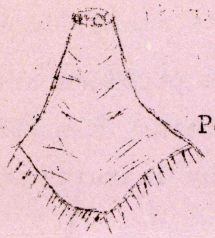

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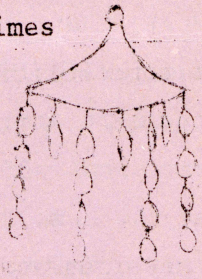

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XMAS RUSH!

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and just a few of the Jobs we need help with.....

Serving in the Shop and Shop Display.....
Doing the accounts.....
Pricing and Ordering.....
Sorting out Poster Stock.....
Newsletter, typing, duplidating, sending out.....Please....
Publicity for meetings.....
Cataloguing library books and chasing up borrowers.....
Doing photo displays in the shop, Grapevine and elsewhere.....

REMEMBER: Shanti has no paid members-it all depends on volunteers.

HEAD

Higher Education and Developmemt(HEAD) is a new project of Third World First,which the Third World Society at M/C University are taking up.It aims to investigate the role played by higher education-and hence the people in it-in the processes that cause poverty and underdevelopment.

Compared with other 3wl campaigns,HEAD shows that the causes of the problems are at our doorstep,where we are best able to tackle them.WE are personally gaining from being involved in HEAD by having to clarify our thoughts on these issues,and by learning who controls our lives.

Here's a brief lookat some beliefs that underly this approach:

(1) Poverty is actively caused by the economic structures imposed by the rich and powerful on the poor.

(2) Poverty is not primarily a passive condition due to factors like lack of industrization/over population/laziness/desease/ignorance.

(3) Unjust distribution of wealth -both between the West and the 'Third World',and within western and third world countries-is maintained by processes in which higher education has an important part.

Institutions of Higher Education must not be seen as seperate from the grasping, exploitative buisiness world.They are vast consumers of wealth which has beem generated in this world.They gain income by investing in companies whose activities support the regimes of South Africa,Chile and Zimbabwe.And big buisiness is heavily represented on their controlling bodies.

These institutions represent high concentrations of resources which the local community does not have fair access to.In their selection of entrants,and by preparing students for jobs in management and the proffesions,institutions of H.E. are part of the process whereby the middle and upper classes generally get better oppurtunities than the poorer sections of society.

Research funded by military institutions and big buisiness furthers the same sectional interests.Another important area is the role of overseas students,and the issue of discriminatory fees.In teaching and research,H.E. tends to propogate values that rei-force exsisting patterns of inequality,and to ignore questions that challenge them. Some would say that this approach is irrevelant compared to campaigning against cuts in education spending and fees increases;but we feel that it is important to give these issues a wider perspective,by looking at the underlying pattern.

We obviously are not expecting to examine all these areas in detail,so we are initially concentrating on the role of research as this is an area practical to work on,but not previously covered.So far we've been reding literature from the Student Movement, both ideological material and detailed infomation which has been uncovered.We are looking at the infomation the University publishes on research,and our learning how to find out more:our next step will be talking with researches whose work catches our eye. Problems in finding the best way of working together are showing up,however,so we'eve not got very far yet.

We hope to be one group of several working on-a profile of the University.Dave Carter of SCARP(NUS Community Action) is setting up a group to write the History of the

the research officer of the Students ' Union will do some work campaigning the buisiness interests of members of the University Court,with where the University invests.There is some interest in the Community Action group;and we expect to be working with the Union Education Officer and their Student Representatives.Ther is a meeting planned between these groups for Thursday January 24th(lunchtime Students' union),and a day conference scheduled for Saturday March 15t-.You will be most welcome at either of these;and we appeal to anybody who feels they may be able to help (either with specific contacts/info or just by discussing with us)to contact us via Shanti or at 51 High Lane,Chorlton,M/C. (881 1006)

Stephanie Baker
Pete Hick
Quentin Cornwell

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Greater Manchester Nicaragua Support Campaign

Have recently held a series of meetings with journalist Clive Turnbull,recently returned from Nicaragua,and are now concentrating on raising material aid for the creation of a medical centre in Esteli,a town in the north west of the country which suffered greatly during the war which ousted the dictator Somoza.Contact:Paul Morris:834 9503 or Shanti.

Anti Apartheid: Trade Union work continuing.They proposed a successful resolution at the recent AGM of Anti Apartheid in support of increased work at the grass roots of the labour movement.Other national campaigns include support for S African War Resisters and the denunciation of the latest in a long series of political trials,that of James Mange.Contact:Frances Kelly:434 7549.

Friends of the Earth: have finally moved into the same building as Shanti (178 Oxford Rd) and can be contacted on 273 2977.Their coordinator,Rob Francis,has gone back to live in Australia,so they are in desperately in need of help in the office.Their regular newsletter gives details of all their activities,which include campaigns on wildlife, motorways,energy,etc and also a recycling directory and sale of T shirts,badges etc.

M/c Anti-Nuclear Group goes from strength to strength and is now meeting on Thursday nights at the 'Mother Max' pub,Back Piccadilly.They are planning a vigorous series of street demonstrations,leafletting in the wake of the government's announcement of an increased nuclear programme.Contact:178 Oxford Rd or Tony Hardman, 434 7469 (home)

Stop Urenco: a campaign to oppose the development of uranium enrichment - particularly its 3rd World aspects - is planning a national 'happening' in March.Next meeting of the campaign will be Feb 9th in London ,but there will be a special meeting in Manchester on Jan 18th of a 'Uranium Mining working group' set up at the inception of the national Anti-Nuclear Campaign.Contact:Colin at Shanti or Frances Kelly of Anti-Apartheid.

World Development Movement: are hoping to follow up the visit of the Tea workers (see Shanti events).They are also hoping to participate in a Day event on Textiles in Liver--pool on Jan 26th,Sat. Contact Michael Faulkner, 681-4984.

UNA/Development Education Project:are losing 4 of their workers after Xmas,so will be hard put to maintain their current level of activity in schools and youth groups. How--ever,they are intending to initiate a 'schools linking' project with schools in Sierra Leone,with the help of UNESCO.Comtact Bob Kirby or Jenny Newstead 445 2495.

SOUTH EAST ASIA COLUMN

Serious international developments coupled with a shift in Shanti's main campaign focus are the principal reasons for this ragbag of news:-

KAMPUCHEA:Manchester University Third World First raised well over £600 (exact amount to be determined)by their well-organised fast in November.This money was donated to the Oxfam Appeal.They unfortunately failed to get a resolution through the Student Union general meeting because successive meetings were inquorate or over-run with other busin--ess.UMIST Cambodia Relief Committee were more successful,but we have no details of how much money they raised.

* Manchester Filmand Video Workshop have a colour video film of the John Pilger film which precipitated the national appeal.Ring Greg Dropkin on 236 6953.

* A very well attended meeting was held at St Peters Chaplaincy on Nov 16th on the init--iative of the UMIST committee and a group of Malaysian students.Peter Walker of M/c Oxfam showed slides of the relief programme and there was a discussion of the diplomatic moves surrounding the issue.We hope to arrange a further meeting in the New Year to discuss the politics of the situation in greater depth.This meeting will hopefully be addressed by Conrad Taylor of ICDP,who has recently returned from a 4-month tour of SE-As

* Third World First are organising a further week of action in the student community throught the country for Jan 28-Feb 2nd.

* Many people have asked for information on the Cambod_ian situation.The problem is that there is very little available,and we at Shanti have no substantial documents for sale at present.However we do have some materials for loan only:

Cambodia:Year Zero - Francois Ponchaud,Penguin 95p 1977 (anti-PolPot)

Cambodia:Starvation and Revolution - Hildebrand and Porter,Monthly Review Press,1976 (pro-Pol Pot)

Race and Class - Article by Malcolm Caldwell on history of Cambodia.

Vietnam SE Asia International (ICDP) - background papers on recent Consultation on 'The Big Power Game in East Asia'.

Sideshow - William Shawcross,Andre Deutsch £6.95? Account of the Kissinger-Nixon secret bombing of Camdodia. (NB We don't have this one!)

Cambodia in the SE Asian War - M.Caldwell,Spokesman.

In addition,Colin has been keeping a scrapbook of cuttings on Cambodia since late Sept. Anyone like to help do this?

THAILAND

December 7th saw the visit of two distinguished speakers to Manchester:Sutham Saengprathu (ex president of the Thai NUS,recently released from prison) and Tonghai Tongpao (prominent civil rights lawyer who spent 5 years in prison in the 1960s).A lunchtime meeting was organised by Shanti at Manchester University and some 40 people attended.A slide-tape show on child labour in Thailand was shown and there was also an exhibition on the 1976 coup in which hundreds of students died at Thamassat University.

We hope to follow up this meeting with a showing of the Thai film 'Tongpan' (about a poor peasant who finds himself in a'Development Seminar'...),coupled with the possible launch of an Amnesty campaign to release some Thai political prisoners. More next issue.

E. TIMOR

Readers of the Guardian and the Observer will be aware that the situation in E.Timor is on a par with that in Cambodia,but (predictably) it has received far less attention in the Western press.Briefly,this small SEAsian island was forcibly colonised by the Indonesians when the Portuguese pulled after 1974.A protracted war against the FRETILIN liberation movemantand the massacre of hundreds of thousands of E.Timorese has led in turn to crop failures and mass starvation,such that up to one-third of the population are threatened.Britain is still supplying war planes to Indonesia,itself a highly repressive regime.

President Suharto of Indonesia was in London recently for a State visit,and was confron-ted by some vociferous protests,but the campaign still needs much more support if it is to have any impact. Contact:TAPOL,8a Treport St,London SW18 2BP. (Campaign for release of Indonesian political prisoners) or British Campaign for Independent E Timor.

New book : "An Act of Genocide'-Indonesia's Invasion of E Timor"By Arnold Kohen and John Taylor,Introd.by Noam Chomsky. £1.75.From TAPOL. or Shanti after Xmas.

EAST ASIA - GENERAL

VietnamSE Asia International are organising a second consultation on"The Big Power Game in East Asia" at Reading University on Jan.5th,6th,and 7th,1980. There will be a very impressive group of speakers,and there will be reports written up after the weekend. Details from Shanti office.

FORTHCOMING SHANTI EVENTS

Mon Dec 17th: 6pm onwards - Shanti Xmas party/feast in Grapewine cafe,above the shop. Bring your own intoxicant/grub and let us know beforehand if you're coming,so we can plan the cooking!

Mon Jan 7th: Business meeting,6pm

Mon Jan 14th: Monthly Meeting: to consider a proposal for 'the way forward' for Sshanti including making amendents to a first draft of a funding application fo War On Want. ~~and xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and provisionally:

Jan 21st:Study group - any suggestions?

Jan 28th : Business

Feb 4: Monthly Meeting to finalise War on Want and review general situation.

OTHER EVENTS

Wed Dec 12th - VSO series of public meetings on development.Last one:David Collett, Director of VSO,and Mark Mitchell Chairperson of Returned Volunteer Action. 7.30pm, Manchester Business School.

Dec 17th and 18th: World University Service Annual Conference:on Overseas Students tuition fees incresases and 'more aid to the poorest'.London .Details from Shanti office.

Dec 16-20:FUEMSSO annual conference (Malaysian and Singaporean students) at Manchester University Union. Very varied and interesting programme - more like a festival!

Jan 13: War on Want TV programme on the UK Charity Commissioners.

Jan 13th: Launch meeting of campaign to put pressure on the TUC International Dept. (a campaign that grew out of the War on Want booklet'Where Were you brother?')

N.B. LATE JAN/EARLY FEB: NEXT ISSUE OF DRUM (no.12).Copydate:Jan 25th approx.

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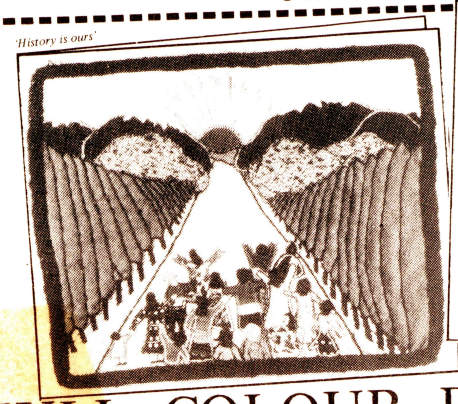

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